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Transmitted herewith is a list on Form PTO-1449 of patents, publications, or other information submitted by the Applicant for consideration by the Office pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, together with legible copies of each of such documents to the extent clean copies are available.

Applicant respectfully submits that the enclosed reference does not show or suggest the use of claimed invention.

With respect to the U.S. Patent No. 3,333,385 listed on Form PTO-1449, the invention disclosed therein does not include interior and exterior tension members, or a seal cavity, as taught by the present application. Thus, Applicant submits that the present invention is patentable over the '385 patent.

On behalf of Applicant, the undersigned hereby states that no item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counter-part foreign application, and, to the undersigned's knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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Accordingly, this Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d).

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Supplemental Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this Disclosure Statement should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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